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Attorney Reference Number 3382-65527
Application Number 09/124,468

Remarks

Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendments and following remarks.

Information Disclosure Statement

Applicants filed an Information Disclosure Statement on August 19, 2003, for the application. The Statement included the fee required under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(p); therefore the references must be considered by the Examiner. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner consider the eight (8) patent documents cited therein and provide, in the next Action, the initialed Form 1449 indicating the references have been properly considered. For the convenience of the Examiner, Applicants include a copy of the Form 1449 earlier filed.

Patentability of Claims 9, 19, 25, and 30

Applicants have amended claims 9, 19, 25, and 30 and respectfully request allowance of the application. Applicants expressly reserve the right to pursue the original (i.e., unamended) versions of the claims in a continuation application.

Request For Interview

If any issues remain, the Examiner is formally requested to contact the undersigned attorney prior to issuance of the next Office Action in order to arrange a telephonic interview. It is believed that a brief discussion of the merits of the present application may expedite prosecution. Applicants submit the foregoing formal Amendment so that the Examiner may fully evaluate Applicants' position, thereby enabling the interview to be more focused.

This request is being submitted under MPEP § 713.01, which indicates that an interview may be arranged in advance by a written request.

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Conclusion

The claims in their present form should now be allowable. Such action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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* Examiner: Initial if reference considered, whether or not in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through cite if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.